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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/OTG

SUBJECT : Basic Operations Training

In reviewing the memorandum dated September 1971 which outlined the objectives of the course, it appears that the course and the administration of it were successful. I feel the course was as comprehensive as it set out to be and covered most of the areas thoroughly. However, in reviewing the course outline I noticed several presentations which I felt to be outstanding and some which I felt could have been given more consideration.

I found all of the technical training presentations to be comprehensive, well paced, and well taught. Considering the fact that all technical experts are not teachers and all teachers are not technical experts, I feel that a well rounded group was established for the presentations.

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Another outstanding job was done by Mr. [REDACTED] and his Reports Staff. Taking such a necessary evil and making it palatable was quite an undertaking. I feel that the Hopefully Helpful Hints Handouts were among the most Helpful Handouts of the course. This staff's devotion to after hours assistance was also one of the stronger teaching/learning phases of the course.

There were several presentations during the course which I felt were excellent presentations, on topics of great importance to a junior case officer, but which could have been given more attention in the course. Either the topic could have been expanded or additional presentations set up on similar or related topics or experiences. In this group I will place the following:

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1. [REDACTED] one hour on DDS Support to CS Activities.

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2. Mr. [REDACTED] one hour on Operations in [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] two hours on [REDACTED]

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4. Mr. [REDACTED]

presentation on [REDACTED]

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5. General discussions on the Analysis of Indications of a pending Coup. This may have to be done on a geographical basis.

Other presentations which I personally appreciated and felt were presented in an excellent manner are the following:

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1. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] a very honest presentation.

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3. [REDACTED] presentation and analysis of the

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[REDACTED]

Presentations that seemed to me to need some sort of change are the following:

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1. [REDACTED]. (The handout, 401.1, raised more questions than it answered.)

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2. TSD's presentation on [REDACTED] was well presented, but used one hour when allotted two hours.

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3. [REDACTED] should be held early in the course when the students do not know the instructors.

In general I feel that the course is well structured and experienced little difficulty in adapting to the [REDACTED]

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